



# Proclamation

## Town of Mansfield, Connecticut

**WHEREAS**, Dr. James “Jim” Palmer has retired after a distinguished career in education, beginning as a teacher at the Mansfield Middle School in 1974 and serving as the principal of Vinton Elementary School for the last 31 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Palmer’s passion for education is evident and heartfelt, given the strong rapport he has developed with his students, teachers, and the larger Mansfield community; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Palmer is also known for his wit and encyclopedic knowledge of the community, the district, and issues important to his students; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Palmer has helped to educate generations of Mansfield residents, and his dedication and service are an inspiration to all.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Town of Mansfield does hereby extend to Dr. James Palmer its heartfelt congratulations and thanks for a lifetime of service to our community.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this July 11<sup>th</sup> in the year 2016.*

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Paul M. Shapiro, Mayor  
Town of Mansfield  
July 11, 2016